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MINUTES OF SYNOD.

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St. Mark's Church, Edgefield Dist., Oct. 18, 1866.

According to a resolution of last Synod, the members composing the Synod and Ministerium of South Carolina and adjacent States, convened this morning at 11 o'clock, in St. Mark's Church, Edgefield District, S. C., and the opening sermon was preached by the President, Rev. T. S. Boinest, from St. John, x. 16.

FIRST SESSION.

The members of Synod, after a brief intermission, reassembled in the Church, and Synod was opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Dr. Bachman.

The Secretary proceeded to call the roll, when the following brethren answered to their names:

ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT.

1. Rev. J. Bachman, D.D.——Charleston, S. C.
2. " J. H. Bailey——Frog Level, "
3. " E. A. Bolles†——Columbia, "
4. " T. S. Boinest——Pomaria, "
5. " S. Bouknight——Leesville, Lexington Dist., "
6. " W. S. Bowman——Charleston, "
7. " E. Caughman——Leesville, Lexington Dist., "
8. " Paul Derrick——Orangeburg, "
9. " J. N. Derrick——Lexington, "
10. " J. Hawkins——Newberry, "
11. " J. H. Honour*——Charleston, "
12. " A. W. Lindler——Frog Level, "
13. " J. B. Lowman——Lexington, "
14. " A. D. L. Moser§——Pomaria, "

† State Agent of American Bible Society.

* Received this session.

§ Ordained at the present session.

15. Rev. L. Muller.....Charleston, S. C.
16. " A. R. Rude.....Columbia, "
17. " D. Shealy.....Rockville, "
18. " S. A. Sligh§.....Pomaria, "
19. " Prof. J. P. Smeltzer.....Newberry, "
20. " J. H. W. Wertz.....Frog Level, "

ORDAINED MINISTERS ABSENT.

1. Rev. C. F. Bansamer||.....Augusta, Ga.
2. " W. Berly*.....Lexington, S. C.
3. " B. F. Berry*.....Cowpen Branch, "
4. " C. H. Bernheim||.....Ocala, Fla.
5. " E. Dufford||.....Fort Motte, S. C.
6. " Prof. W. Eichelberger.....Charlestown, West Va.
7. " W. A. Houck||.....Orangeburg, S. C.
8. " B. Kreps*.....Graniteville, "
9. " J. P. Margart||.....Eufala, Ala.
10. " M. Rauch||.....Frog Level, S. C.
11. " Prof. J. M. Schreckhise||.....Churchville, Va.

MEMBERS EX-OFFICIO.

Maj. P. E. Wise, *Treasurer of Synod.*
Mr. J. F. Schirmer, *Treasurer of Seminary.*
Maj. J. P. Kinard, *Treasurer of Widows' Fund.*

The lay-delegates presented their certificates, and were enrolled as members of Synod:

LAY DELEGATES.

1. J. H. Steinmeyer, Jr.....from Rev. Dr. Bachman's charge.
2. J. I. Ranch..... " " J. H. Bailey's "
3. Geo. Dominick..... " " T. S. Boinest's "
4. Jacob Hiller..... " " S. Bouknight's "
5. Capt. G. S. Hacker..... " " W. S. Bowman's "
6. H. Vansant..... " " E. Caughman's "
7. W. E. Barber..... " " Paul Derrick's "
8. Capt. A. H. Caughman..... " " J. N. Derrick's "
9. H. H. Folk..... " " J. Hawkins' "

§ Ordained at the present session.
|| Excused.
* Appeared after first session.

10. E. H. Irick.....from Rev. W. A Houck's charge.
11. John Shealy..... " " J. B. Lowman's "
12. O. L. Schumpert..... " " Prof. J. P. Smeltzer's
13. J. T. Derrick..... " " J. H. W. Wertz's "
14. Jacob Wicker..... " " A. D. L. Moser's "
15. Maj. Jacob Epting..... " " J. A. Sligh's "
16. J. D. Sease, Esq..... " " B. F. Berry's "
17. J. S. Derrick..... " " A. W. Lindler's "
18. J. N. Huffman..... " " W. Berly's "

Rev. N. Aldrich, corresponding delegate of the North Carolina Synod, presented his credentials, and was received as a member of Synod.

Revs. J. H. Honour of the M. P. Church, and J. D. Bowles of the Georgia Synod, were invited to seats as advisory members.

Rev. W. S. Bowman was excused for non-attendance as corresponding delegate to the Georgia Synod.

Rev. T. S. Boinest, corresponding delegate to the North Carolina Synod, was excused for non-attendance.

Rev. E. Caughman, one of the delegates to the General Synod, was excused for non-attendance.

The President next read his annual report, which was received, and laid on the table to be placed in the hands of a committee.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Beloved Fathers and Brethren:

The lapse of another ecclesiastical year has summoned us together again in Synodical Convention; and we are assembled under circumstances which furnish large reason for devout gratitude to the God and Father of all our mercies. The lives of all the clerical members of this body, with but one single exception, have been spared; and nearly all are assembled here to-day. Several of our pastorates have shared largely in the outpourings of God's Spirit, in gracious revivals of religion, and the addition of large numbers to the Church; and though there has been considerable want of rain during the summer, in many of our agricultural charges, it is still to be hoped that there will be bread enough to satisfy the cravings of hunger, when it shall find its equable distribution. We have, then, as I have before said, every reason for devout gratitude to God that we are assembled under circumstances so favorable.

Since last we met, however, one of our Fathers in Israel has completed his mortal career, and been transferred from his labors in the Church militant below to engage in the praises of the Church triumphant above; and having attained a ripe old age, has, like a shock of corn ready for the harvest, been gathered into the garner of the Lord. The Rev. Jacob Moser has ceased to

be mortal. For several years laid aside by infirmity from the active duties of the ministry, disease gradually invaded his system; and having been for several months the subject of severe affliction, as I stood beside his bed, on the 26th of December last, death came to release him from his sufferings, and he fell asleep in Jesus.

"Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
Thy battle 's fought thy victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Permit me now to render to you an official account for the current year of my administration as the presiding officer of this body, and to present to you such other matters of information as may aid you in your efforts to adopt measures for the glory of God and the advancement of the interests of that Church over which we are more immediately called to watch.

OFFICIAL.

Soon after the adjournment of the last Synod the Rev. J. H. Cupp, of the Sandy Run charge, being about to remove within the bounds of the Virginia Synod, applied for a letter of dismissal from this Synod, in order to connect himself with that. The application of Brother Cupp was immediately granted.

In November, 1865, Rev. D. M. Blackwelder wrote me from near Gettysburg, Pa., saying that he had taken charge of a pastorate in that vicinity, and asking a certificate with a view to connect himself with one of the Synods of Pennsylvania. I forwarded him at an early subsequent day the desired document.

Under date of April 10th Rev. N. Aldrich addressed me a note saying he had taken charge of churches within the bounds of the North Carolina Synod, and desiring a certificate to connect himself with that body. I accordingly sent him a letter of honorable dismission from this Synod.

At our last meeting Rev. J. Hawkins, formerly of the Georgia Synod, having taken a charge within the bounds of this body, applied for connection with us, but had not been able to communicate with the President of the Georgia Synod, in order to procure the necessary credentials. He was accordingly received as a member of Synod, on condition that he furnish, as soon as communication was reopened, the required certificate. The condition has been complied with, the certificate having been furnished me in due form.

Rev. W. S. Bowman wrote me, under date of 29th January, that circumstances growing out of the struggle through which we had recently passed had resulted in the merging of Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Methodist Protestant Church of Charleston into one body, under the name of the Wentworth Street Lutheran Church; that the articles of agreement had been duly signed, sealed and delivered; and that among other provisions of this document is an article providing that this can never become other than a Lutheran Church; and no man shall be called to the pastorship except he be a Lutheran minister, or will become such as soon as possible. Rev. Mr. Bowman has been elected to the pastoral charge of this congregation. They are now engaged in the repairing and beautifying of their sanctuary, and will doubtless

apply at this meeting of our Synod for connection with us. We would bid them a most cordial welcome to our fold, and earnestly hope that they may find in our doctrines, usages, and system of government the prosperity which they so earnestly desire.

Mt. Zion Church, in Newberry District, under the care of Rev. A. D. L. Moser, was destroyed by fire early in the year 1865. The congregation, though deprived of their house of worship, still continued to have their regular service at the school-house, until a few weeks since, when finding it impracticable to rebuild their sanctuary, and other churches of their own communion being within easy reach of most of the members, they determined to disband, and transfer their membership to the most convenient churches.

The General Synod, at its late session, passed a resolution requiring the Presidents of District Synods in its connection to have collections taken up in their respective Synods for the purpose of defraying the expense of publishing the Minutes and other purposes. In accordance therewith I issued, soon after, circulars to all the pastors in our connection, requesting them to take up these collections and remit the same to the Treasurer of the General Synod. How far it has been done I have not been able to ascertain; but a note from the Secretary of the General Synod, received only a day or two since, informs me that they have received funds sufficient to defray but half of the bill presented by the printer.

Seven hundred copies of the Minutes have been sent me by express, as the quota of our Synod, for the distribution of which, and the payment of expenses, it will be well for your body to give some instructions.

Letters have been received from Revs. Bansemer, Schreckhise, Margart, and C. H. Bernheim, which, though private in their general character, present their excuses for non-attendance, in case they should not be able to be present at this meeting. The latter brother received from my predecessor a certificate of dismission from this body, with a view to connect himself with the Synod of Georgia, and is no longer amenable to this Synod, unless these credentials have been returned to this body, and such a fact has not come within my knowledge.

Revivals of religion have been enjoyed to a very considerable extent in several of our pastorates, especially in the charges of Revs. Hawkins, Sligh, and your President; but as these, and perhaps others, will come to the notice of Synod, in the narratives of the state of religion, it is needless to add more in this connection.

VACANCIES AND SUPPLIES.

The removal of Rev. J. H. Cupp to Virginia, left the Sandy Run charge without a pastor, in which condition they remain still. They have, however, been supplied with preaching almost every month, by some of the ministers of our connection.

St. Paul's Church, in Newberry District, St. Michael's, in Lexington, and Trinity, in Edgefield, were made vacant by the removal of Rev. D. M. Blackwelder. St. Michael's has been vacant until very recently,—they extended a call to Rev. J. N. Derrick. St. Paul's soon secured the services of our young brother, Rev. J. A. Sligh, who also took charge of Colony, vacated by Rev.

J. H. Bailey's resignation; and Trinity has been regularly supplied by Rev. A. D. L. Moser. Graniteville, vacated by resignation of Rev. J. N. Derrick, has been supplied by Rev. B. Kreps.

Other vacancies may exist, and other changes may have occurred, but they have not come within the knowledge of your presiding officer.

NEWBERRY COLLEGE AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

These institutions of the Church have, in common with others, sadly felt the calamities and evils incident to war. For a season they have both been left entirely without students, and their funds have suffered material diminution; still, there is a germ left which, if properly nurtured and cared for, may expand into a tree in which the fowls of the air may yet take shelter.

The Trustees of the College, at their last meeting, resolved to reopen the exercises on the first of October, and made the arrangements necessary thereto, filling the chairs with a sufficient number of Professors to meet the necessities of the present, and with a view, at the same time, to the strictest economy of its funds. The views of the Trustees have been carried out, and forty or more students are now in attendance.

The Theological Seminary, long deprived of her students by their withdrawal to the scenes of carnage and strife, has failed, for several years, to add to the number of our ministry; but peace again returning, her prospects begin to brighten, and several young men have already applied for admission to the College, who will pursue their theological course under your Professor, with a view to the gospel ministry. These, as has been the case in almost all the history of the past, are from the humbler walks of life, and will require pecuniary assistance from the Church. God has raised up the men, the Church must furnish the means to sustain them.

GENERAL SYNOD.

Since our last assembling the General Synod of our Church has held another convention, and its proceedings are full of importance to the Church. Several amendments to its constitution were sent down to the District Synods for their approval, and several items of interest were referred to their consideration,—these, however, will reach you through another and the proper channel; yet, we cannot forbear presenting to your consideration, through this medium, the passage of their resolution in reference to the establishment of *one* and *but one* Theological Seminary for the Lutheran Church in the South. This is no new idea to some of our ministers. It has long been a cherished hope with several. Would that it were universal, both among the ministers and laity of our Church, so that, instead of having a small Seminary lingering out a sickly existence in every Synod of the South, we might have one large, well endowed, influential institution, which shall furnish advantages excelled by no other in the land.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

Our Church paper has again been set on foot, and though perhaps not meeting in every respect our views, and clothed in a different garb, not bearing the old and familiar name under which we were accustomed to greet its weekly

visits, and not steered by the same pilot whom we were accustomed to see at the helm; yet it is none the less "*our paper*," edited by our own ministry, and should meet our most hearty support. It should be in every family.

And now, brethren, assembled as we are for the performance of duties committed to us as a sacred trust, let us address ourselves to the work with the earnest desire to devise such measures as will best promote the glory of God and the best interests of our beloved Zion. Differences of opinion will naturally arise, but let a spirit of brotherly love so control them that a due regard may be had for each other's sentiments and feelings; and with the approbation of the Most High upon our labors, unborn generations may arise and call us blessed.

I now commend you to God, and pray that his guidance may be freely vouchsafed to guide you in your deliberations.

T. S. BOINEST, *President.*

The President, on motion, was allowed till to-morrow to appoint regular committees.

Letters, petitions, etc., having reference to Synod, were called for and handed in for reference to the proper committees.

Revs. J. H. Bailey, J. B. Lowman, L. Muller and A. R. Rude were excused for non-attendance at the last meeting of this body.

Rev. F. Wilkin, having failed to comply with the constitutional requirements of Synod, on motion, his name was stricken from the clerical roll.

Synod now adjourned until to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. N. Aldrich.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 19th.

The session of Synod was opened with prayer by Rev. E. A. Bolles. The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session read and adopted.

Rev. J. Austin, corresponding delegate from the Georgia Synod presented his credentials and was received as a member of Synod.

The President announced that Rev. John H. Honour of the M. P. Church, was unanimously, by the Ministerium, received a member of this body.

The President announced the following standing committees:

1. *On Unfinished Business*—Revs. E. Caughman, J. N. Derrick, and Capt. H. Vansant.
2. *On the President's Report*—Revs. A. R. Rude, Dr. Bachman, and Mr. J. H. Steinmeyer, Jr.
3. *On Letters from* 1–5—Revs. A. W. Lindler, J. H. Bailey and Mr. Jacob Hiller.
4. *On Letters from* 6–8—Revs. W. S. Bowman, J. H. Honour and Mr. H. H. Folk.
5. *On Letter* 9—Revs. J. P. Smeltzer, E. A. Bolles and Mr. O. L. Schumpert.
6. *On State of Religion*—Revs. J. Hawkins, L. Muller and Mr. E. H. Irick.
7. *On Synodical Fund*—Messrs. J. F. Schirmer and J. Epting.
8. *On Seminary Fund*—Messrs. G. S. Hacker and H. H. Folk.
9. *On Widows' Fund*—Messrs. J. H. Steinmeyer and W. E. Barber.
10. *On Memoirs of the Dead*—Revs. W. Berly and B. Kreps.

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer read the report of the delegates to the General Synod, which was, on motion, received, considered by items, and finally adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL SYNOD.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States:

The delegates to the General Synod, beg leave to report, as follows: The brethren, we conceive, are aware that but four of their delegates, viz: Revs. Boinest, Smeltzer, Bolles and Bansemer, attended the late Convention. The Synods were not fully represented. Nevertheless, much business was transacted, and that, too, in a manly, fraternal and conciliating spirit. And why should there not be peace in the minds of professing Christains, whose first duty is forbearance and humility, and whose highest honor and blessing consists in mutual love. It is only when men have become unteachable, stationary and intolerant, anxious to confine their fellow-men within the narrow circle of their imperfect studies, that discussion takes place out of time and place; that unreasonable complaints and unkind insinuations arrogate to themselves the weight of argument, and that deliberations are in danger to become painful and unprofitable. Unfortunately there are men to whose fault-finding, arrogant disposition nothing is sacred—neither the private character of individuals, nor the general good of the Church. Hence it may happen occasionally that their ill-timed officiousness, altogether uncalled for, clouds for a short time the cheering sunbeam of the evening sun of a uniformly bright day, spent in harmony, love and useful labor. Upon the whole, we look back with Christain satisfaction and delight upon the hours of reunion with our distant brethren, and love to think of the agreeable days we spent in the kind and hospitable families of our friends and brethren at Mt. Pleasant. We proceed to give an account of the work that was done.

First. An alteration in the name, style and title of the General Synod was recommended. It is proposed, that hereafter it shall be known by the name of the *Evangelical Lutheran General Synod in North America.* Let us confidently hope and advise that our South Carolina brethren will sustain and adopt the above amendment.

Secondly. The second Article in the 3rd Section of the General Synod's Constitution is to be omitted. We recommend that brethren sustain our action.

Another subject of importance was the establishment of a Theological Seminary, under the immediate control of the General Synod. We recommend that our body join and aid our sister Synod in their exertions to provide a ministry, thoroughly educated in the doctrines and usages of the Lutheran Church, to promote the growth of our beloved Zion ; but the nature of our co-operation will have to be determined by the united wisdom of this body.

Furthermore, the establishment of a Southern Church paper was carefully considered at our Convention. It affords us pleasure to say, that the Southern Lutheran has been revived, and is now regularly published at Charlotte, N. C., edited by Rev. N. Aldrich, assisted by Rev. G. H. D. Bernheim, who was elected by the Convention to represent the General Synod in the editorial department. The publication is confessedly an essential means to promote the prosperity of our Zion in its various relations and institutions. As we have now not only a spiritual, but likewise a moneyed interest in the paper, and as our brethren in the editorial chair deserves to be encouraged by the Church, we recommend the Lutheran to the extensive and liberal patronage of our people.

The last item which we feel bound to present to your attention, is the report made by the General Synod's Committee on the State of the Church, (not on domestic missions, as the Lutheran erroneously has it.) There are eight resolutions subjoined to that report. The first refers to the appointment of a General Superintendent, whose office it shall be to visit as an agent of peace the different churches in our connection. The idea is not a new one. Many years ago it was recommended by one of our Presidents. We suggest that the subject be taken up again, and be maturely considered. On another of the resolutions our Synods are called upon to improve the existing mode of supplying vacant charges with ministers. The manner in which ministers obtain or resign a charge, or are deprived of it, not unfrequently seems to be little creditable to the parties concerned, and is decidedly injurious to the cause of religion. Again, that it is our duty to develop, encourage and foster true merit among ourselves, instead of looking abroad for great men, "*so called*," will readily be admitted to be the true principle, as the third resolution represents it. We recommend that the practice of our people be in accordance with it. Furthermore, as many of our Churches, of necessity, use the German language in their public services ; as nearly all of those societies at one time or another were imposed upon by wicked men; and as it is somewhat difficult to induce worthy and reliable ministers, that understand our *modus operadi*, and are willing cordially to co-operate with us, after they have found a home in the North or West, to settle among us, we cannot but approve of the recommendation, contained in the fourth and fifth resolution, to apply to some of the Ecclesias-

tical authorities in Germany for suitable ministers; and to take the candidates, on their arrival, under our protection and direction, with the view to imbue them with the genius of this land, and enable them, as far as we can, to become successful in their enterprises, useful to their charges, and an honor to the Church. Finally we earnestly recommend for your adoption the 6th resolution, which reads as follows:

"*Resolved*, that no Church shall be allowed to call or retain a minister as pastor who will not connect himself with the same District Synod with which the congregation thus calling him stands connected."

The next Convention of the General Synod is to meet at Stanton, Virginia. The distance is considerable, and will cause considerable expense. Let us endeavor to assure our delegates, in time, that their expenses will be refunded to them. All of which is hereby most respectfully submitted.

C. F. BANSEMER.

Item 3rd was referred to the Committee on the President's Report.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Synod adjourned with the benediction.

At 11 o'clock, Rev. A. R. Rude preached from St. John, i: 29.

After a short intermission, Synod reassembled and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. F. Berry.

Rev. B. F. Berry, J. D. Sease, Esq., his delegate, and J. S. Derrick, Rev. A. W. Lindler's delegate, appeared and took their seats.

Parochial reports were called for, and in connection with them the pastors read their narratives on the state of religion.

PAROCHIAL REPORT.

NAMES OF PASTORS.	CONGREGATIONS.	INFANTS BAPTIZED		MEMBERS RECIEVED BY						DISMISSIONS.		COMMUNICANTS.		DEATH OF MEMBERS.		PRAYER MEETINGS.	SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			CONTRIBUTIONS.				BENEVOLENT SOCIETIES.	SUBSCRIPTION TO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.
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Rev. J. N. Derrick	1	0	1	4	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	65	0	2	0	0	1	6	40	------	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. J. A. Sligh	3	13	8	12	16	34	5	3	0	0	0	360	140	1	3	3	2	14	68	32 50	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. A. D. L. Moser	2	4	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	100	0	1	1	2	1	3	18	14 40	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz	2	5	0	2	0	2	0	6	0	0	0	155	0	3	0	1	1	4	31	4 55	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. J. P. Smeltzer	1	9	0	4	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	65	6	1	1	1	1	10	50	12 20	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. A. R. Rude	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	0	1	3	1	1	4	31	12 23	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. L. Muller	1	113	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	350	0	97	0	0	1	25	300	30 30	----	----	22 50	----	----
Rev. J. B. Lowman	5	27	15	5	0	46	0	0	0	0	80	480	5	0	0	0	2	12	77	------	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. A. W. Lindler	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 00	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. B. Kreps	2	6	1	15	0	20	0	13	0	3	0	74	0	0	2	1	1	5	50	4 50	6 35	----	------	----	----
Rev. J. Hawkins	3	5	0	0	0	24	0	2	0	2	0	208	10	5	0	1	2	12	80	71 65	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. E. Caughman	3	6	9	2	0	21	0	1	0	2	0	301	14	2	4	1	2	11	84	14 00	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. W. S. Bowman	1	46	0	3	1	15	1	74	0	0	10	151	1	6	11	1	1	19	120	57 00	----	----	6000 00	----	----
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Rev. J. H. Bailey	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	5 60	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. T. S. Boinest	3	16	0	11	0	50	0	4	0	0	0	435	20	5	2	3	1	6	25	50 35	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. B. F. Berry	2	2	0	4	0	15	0	5	0	0	0	101	0	0	0	0	1	6	30	------	1 00	----	------	1 00	----
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Rev. W. Berly	2	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	*187	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8 15	----	----	------	----	----
Rev. W. A. Houck	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	149	73	2	2	0	2	5	35	27 00	----	----	------	----	----
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* Thirty-nine of the members of this charge from St. Stephen's Church, Lexington C. H., have organized themselves into a congregation at Rocky Hill, three miles from the village.

Rev. E. A. Bolles, State Agent of the American Bible Society, made an interesting statement of his labors.

The Committee on Letters from 6–8 made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS FROM 6–8.

Committee on Letters from 6–8 beg leave to report, that document No. 6 is a petition from Providence Congregation, in Lexington District, asking to be received into connection with this body. The petition gives evidence that they have been organized in accordance with the usages and discipline of our Church. Your Committee therefore recommend that this congregation be received.

No. 7 is a petition from Mt. Pisgah Church, in Barnwell District, representing that they had organized a congregation in accordance with the government of our Church, and pray to be received into our connection. Your Committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

No. 8 is a letter from Rev. S. R. Sheppard, praying to be released from the payment of a bond due from him to the fund of the Theological Seminary. While your committee duly sympathize with this brother in his pecuniary misfortune, and would recommend that he be leniently dealt with, we cannot feel justified in granting his request at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BOWMAN,
J. H. HONOUR,
H. H. FOLK.

Rev. Prof. Smeltzer presented the report of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Newberry College which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF NEWBERRY COLLEGE.

To the Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States:

No report was made to the meeting of the last Session of your body, because the duties of the College had ceased. Still, a nucleus of a school was authorized to be continued under the supervision and instruction of the Rev. J. P. Smeltzer. He had possession of the College building for that purpose. After the fall of the Confederacy, some time in July, 1865, Brig.-Gen. Van Wyck, of the United States Army, was sent to Newberry with a regiment of U. S. troops. He took possession of the College buildings, and quartered his soldiers there. Rev. Mr. Smeltzer was not in Newberry at the time; and as soon as he returned, he remonstrated with Brig.-Gen. Van Wyck as to taking possession of the College buildings. His reply was, that the buildings should be returned in as good condition as when he entered. I would here state, that a short time before the fall of the Confederacy the College buildings had been taken possession of by the authorities of the Confederate States.

The building was damaged seriously while in the possession of the United States troops.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June last, a committee was appointed to ascertain the amount of injuries done to the College buildings by the United States troops, in 1865, make out a duly certified bill of the same, and take the necessary steps to obtain indemnity for said injuries. The committee is composed of Mr. W. K. Bachman, Rev. T. S. Boinest and Gen. A. C. Garlington.

The Committee on Repairs, appointed previous to this time, reported that it would cost eleven or twelve hundred dollars to make the repairs now needed on the building. This was January 27, 1866.

A Committee consisting of Mr. J. P. Aull and Rev. W. S. Bowman was appointed to contract for, and superintend, the repairs of the College. This was done under a resolution that the Treasurer be authorized to collect, if possible, enough for the necessary repairs of the College, and raise a sufficient amount to keep the College in operation,—say, in all, about $5,000; and that was to be done, if practicable, in the city of Charleston. The Treasurer being authorized to hypothecate the sureties belonging to the College, or to borrow funds, with authority to pledge this Board to give a mortgage of the property, as security for the money thus raised, if security were required.

A Committee appointed at this meeting to prepare a plan for opening the College, submitted the following report through their Chairman, Rev. T. S. Boinest, viz:

That they have had the matter under consideration, and recommend the following plan, viz:

1. That the College be re-opened on the first Monday in October next.

2. That Prof. Smeltzer be continued as President, pro tem., with such a salary as will make his income, from Seminary and College together, equal to one thousand dollars, and the house in which he lives free of rent.

3. That two Professors be elected, who, with the President, shall constitute the Faculty of the College, and that, for the present, the duties of the Preparatory department be assigned to one of them, or as the Faculty and the Committee on the Faculty may manage.

4. That the Rules and Regulations of the College, heretofore passed, be continued.

The salaries of the Professors was fixed by vote at the sum of eight hundred dollars each.

An election was held for the election of Professors, which resulted in the choice of Profs. Robert Garlington and Augustus P. Pifer,—to the former was assigned the chair of Methematics and Natural Philosophy, and to the latter, the chair of the Greek and Latin Languages. The Faculty and Committee on the Faculty were to arrange with the Professors as to their respective duties in the Collegiate and Preparatory Departments.

The Secretary informed the Professors elect of the action of the Board in their election. Prof. Pifer has accepted, and entered upon the discharge of his duties.

A special committee was appointed to confer with the creditors of the College,

d ascertain what terms can be agreed upon as to their demands. The said committee is authorized to tender a lien on the College property to said creditors, provided such indulgence be extended as the committee may accept, and the committee was further authorized to procure the execution of such writings as may be necessary to carry into effect the arrangements that may be agreed on.

What has been done by the committee to obtain indemnity for injury to the College building, and this special committee, composed of Messrs. Fair, Jones and Garlington, the Secretary of this Board does not know. The committees were in due time furnished with copies of the resolutions.

The following resolution was adopted by the Board, viz: That no student be received on a scholarship unless all arrearages of interest be paid.

The repairs have not yet been done to the College which are necessary to prevent the decay of the building. It is presumed that the difficulty is in the raising of the funds for that purpose.

The College was opened on the first Monday in this month, under the supervision and instruction of Rev. J. P. Smeltzer and Prof. A. P. Pifer. Prof. Garlington has not accepted the professorship to which he was elected. It may be that the exercises of the College may be continued for some time without the necessity of an additional professor. The College opened with twenty-three students. The President of the College will be able to inform your body of the exact condition of the College, and of such matters, not embraced in this report, as may be of interest to be known.

After the exhausting struggle through which the South has passed, it is necessary that something should be done, as early as practicable, to place Newberry College on a permanent footing. It will require time to effect this good work; but we should not despair. Energy, perseverance and an inflexible determination to surmount the obstacles to success, will ultimately achieve every thing that is desired.

You have commenced a great work. Now in the day of small things, let every man who feels an interest in Newberry College, and in the cause of education, put his hand to the work, and not look back. A sound, solid education, the foundations of which are broad and deep, is one of the means, one of the great means, of restoring prosperity to our country. The advantages resulting therefrom are not to be calculated in dollars and cents. I have not time, nor is it deemed necessary, to enter into any argument to show what these advantages are. Suffice it to say, that the numerous schools and colleges now established, not only in the State, but throughout the whole country, attest at once the interest in the enlightenment of the youthful mind which pervades the great mass of the people. Indications like these should not pass unheeded. You must bestir yourselves, and aid the Trustees in sustaining the College. If the Board do not act in accordance with your views, give us instructions which we are to follow. I will say for the Board, that a deeper interest was manifested at our last meeting, for the welfare and interest of the College, than had been shown for some time. A good spirit now exists, and with the encouragement which it is hoped your body may be able to give to the College, it is fondly anticipated that in a few years this institution, and

the Theological Seminary may be prosperous and effecting as much good as its most ardent friends could desire.

May Heaven aid you in all your deliberations, and especially bless your efforts in support of Newberry College. Do all that you can for this institution, and you will confer a blessing upon the country, the influence of which will be felt for many years to come, and your children and your children's children will rise up and call you blessed.

Respectfully submitted, HENRY SUMMER,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Newberry College.

On motion, Synod adjourned till 9½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lowman.

At night Rev. J. D. Bowles, of the Georgia Synod, preached from St. John v: 40.

THIRD SESSION.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct. 20th.

Synod convened, and was opened with prayer by Rev. J. H. Honour. The roll was called, absentees marked, and the minutes of yesterday read and confirmed.

The Committee on Letters from 1–5 made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS FROM 1–5.

The Committee appointed on Letters from 1–5 submit the following:

No. 1 is a letter from Rev. J. M. Schreckhise, in which he gives as a reason for his absence from this meeting, the want of means. Your Committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 2 is a letter from Rev. C. F. Bansamer, giving, the want of means as an excuse for his non-attendance at the present meeting of Synod. Your Committee recommend that he be excused.

No. 3 is a letter from Rev. E. Dufford, informing us that circumstances beyond his control prevent him from attending this meeting of Synod. We recommend he be excused.

No. 4 is a letter from Rev. C. H. Bernheim, in which he states that circumstances entirely beyond his control prevent him from meeting with us. We recommend that he be excused.

No. 5 is a letter Mrs. J. P. Margart, informing us that sickness prevents Rev. J. P. Margart from participating in our deliberations. We recommend that brother Margart be excused.

Respectfully submitted, A. W. LINDLER,
J. H. BAILEY,
JACOB HILLER.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be directed to address a letter to the Rev. C. H. Bernheim, advising that brother to connect himself with the Synod of Gorgia.

Revs. M. Rauch and W. A. Houck were excused, by verbal statements, for non-attendance at the present meeting of Synod.

Synodical collections were called for, and were thus registered:

SYNODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. Dr. J. Bachman's charge—			
St. John's Church	$57 00		
Subscription Female Lutheran Society	49 00		
Donation from Mrs. Sifley	20 00—	126 00	
Rev. E. Caughman's charge—			
St. John's, Calk's Road	4 00		
Good Hope	2 00		
Mt. Calvary	1 00—	7 00	
Rev. J. B. Lowman's charge—			
Bethel	5 00		
Bethlehem	70—	5 70	
Rev. W. A. Houck's charge—			
Trinity	14 00		
Pine Grove	13 00—	27 00	
Rev. A. D. L. Moser's charge—			
Mt. Zion	7 40		
Trinity	7 00—	14 40	
Rev. J. H. Baily's charge—			
Corinth		5 60	
Rev. W. S. Bowman's charge—			
Wentworth Street Church		57 00	
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz's charge—			
Salem	2 50		
Union	2 25—	4 75	
Rev. A. R. Rude's charge—			
Ebenezer		12 23	
Rev. B. F. Berry's charge—			
Mt. Pleasant		5 50	
Rev. L. Muller's charge—			
German Lutheran Church, Charleston		30 30	
Rev. Paul Derrick's charge—			
St. Matthew's and Mt. Lebanon		30 75	
Rev. S. Bouknight's charge—			
Macedonia	4 30		
St. Mark's	23 55—	27 85	
Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer's charge—			
Luther's Chapel		12 20	
Rev. A. W. Lindler's charge—			
Mt. Zion		1 00	

Rev. J. Hawkins' charge—			
Beth Eden	42 00		
St. Matthew's	16 95		
Liberty Hill	12 70—	71	65
Rev. B. Kreps' charge—			
St. James'		4	50
Rev. W. Berly's charge—			
St. Stephen's	3 15		
St. Andrew's	5 00—	8	15
Rev. J. A. Sligh's charge—			
St. Paul's	13 40		
Colony	9 60		
Newville (white)	7 60		
" (colored)	2 50—	33	10
Rev. J. N. Derrick's charge—			
Providence		6	55
Rev. T. S. Boinest's charge—			
Bethlehem	16 75		
St. Luke's	18 60		
St. John's	14 25—	49	60
Total congregational contributions		$440	23

The Board of Directors of the Seminary was re-elected, except Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, whose place was supplied by the election of Rev. J. Hawkins.

CLASSIFICATION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Class of 1864.	*Class of* 1865.	*Class of* 1866.
Rev. J. Hawkins,	Rev. Dr. J. Bachman,	Rev. A. R. Rude,
Rev. W. S. Bowman,	Rev. S. Bouknight,	Rev. T. S. Boinest,
Capt. J. P. Aull,	Mr. J. F. Schirmer,	Mr. H. Gallman,
Capt. W. K. Bachman,	Dr. G. Muller,	Mr. W. W. Housbal.

The election of Trustees of Newberry College resulted as follows:

Rev. Dr. J. Bachman,	Maj. J. P. Kinard,	Mr. H. Summer,
Rev. T. S. Boinest,	Mr. L. C. Jones,	Mr. N. A. Hunter,
Rev. J. Hawkins,	Dr. G. Muller,	Gen. A. C. Garlington,
Rev. W. S. Bowman,	Capt. W. K. Bachman,	Dr. O. B. Mayer,
Rev. S. Bouknight,	Mr. J. K. Schumpert,	Mr. Silas Johnstone.
Col. S. Fair,	Capt. J. P. Aull,	

On motion, the President of Newberry College was constituted *ex-officio* a member of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. W. Berly appeared and took his seat.

On motion, Messrs. H. Wingard and Roof, candidates for the ministry, were referred to the committee appointed to examine Mr. Hallman.

Rev. J. N. Derrick was elected corresponding delegate to the North Carolina Synod, and Rev. T. S. Boinest his alternate.

Revs. E. A. Bolles, B. F. Berry and Messrs. John Shealy, H. H. Folk and Capt. H. Vansant asked and obtained leave of absence after Sunday.

Synod now adjourned until Monday morning 9½ o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. J. Hawkins.

Rev. J. Austin, corresponding delegate of the Georgia Synod, preached at night. Text, Gen. iii: 19.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

At 9½ o'clock, A. M., religious exercises were conducted in the church by Rev. B. F. Berry. At 11 A. M., Rev. W. S. Bowman preached to a large and attentive audience, from Col. i: 19; immediately after which, Rev. Dr. Bachman proceeded to consecrate the elements of the Holy Supper, and a large number of the followers of Christ united in partaking of the emblems of his broken body and shed blood.

After an intermission of half hour, the congregation re-assembled, and Rev. J. H. Honour preached from St. John xix: 42.

At night Rev. A. D. L. Moser preached from Luke xiii: 3.

Thus ended the services of this holy day,—we trust to the honor and praise of God, to the comfort and refreshment of His people, and to the edification of all present.

FOURTH SESSION.

Monday Morning, Oct. 22nd.

Synod met at 9½ o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. W. Berly.

The minutes of Saturday were read, accepted and adopted.

Mr. J. N. Huffman, Rev. W. Berly's delegate, appeared and took his seat.

Resolved, That the President be requested to furnish the Lutheran Visitor with a copy of his synodical sermon.

The Committee on the President's Report made the following report, which was received, considered by items and finally adopted as a whole:

REPORT.

The Committee on the President's Report respectfully beg leave to call the attention of Synod to the following items:

1st. The recommendation that instructions be given for the distribution of, and payment of, the Minutes of the General Synod.

2nd. The Church at Sandy Run. This Church being still vacant, it is recommended that means be adopted for supplying it with the means of grace.

3rd. Is the appeal of the President in behalf of our indigent theological students. We propose that Synod proceed at once to secure the necessary means for the support of such students during the ensuing synodical year.

4th. The establishment of a General Theological Seminary. Your Committee suggest that some action be taken in regard to this enterprise.

5th. The Freedmen. We recommend this matter to the serious consideration of Synod, as it not only is our duty as Christians to provide for their spiritual wants, but also as citizens to use our utmost endeavors to make them good and useful members of society by qualifying them to act well their part in the new condition in which they have been placed so suddenly and without the necessary or essential preparation. On this the permanency of our institutions and the best interest of all, without distinction, depends; and for the accomplishment of these objects, the Church of Christ is the most effectual means. Let us therefore go to them. Immediate action is required.

Respectfully submitted,

A. R. RUDE.
J. BACHMAN.
J. H. STEINMEYER.

Under Item 1st, it was, on motion, ordered that the Treasurer of Synod pay the *express* expenses of the General Synod's Minutes sent this body.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod write to the Treasurer of the General Synod to ascertain the amount due the treasury of the General Synod and that if we are in arrears the President be informed of the fact, and that a circular letter be addressed by him to our pastors in order that our quota may be raised.

Resolved, That the distribution of the General Synod's Minutes be referred to the President.

Item 2nd was referred to the Ministerium.

Under Item 3rd, the following pledges were made:

Rev. Dr. J. Bachman	$150 00	Mr. J. N. Huffman	$10 00
Rev. B. F. Berry	10 00	Rev. L. Muller	40 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest	150 00	Rev. A. R. Rude	35 00
Rev. W. S. Bowman	150 00	Rev. J. P. Smeltzer	30 00
Rev. E. Caughman	10 00	Mr. E. H. Irick	5 00
Rev. Paul Derrick	10 00	Rev. J. H. Wertz	10 00
Rev. J. Hawkins	10 00	Rev. A. D. L. Moser	5 00
Rev. B. Kreps	20 00	Rev J. A. Sligh	40 00
Rev. A. W. Lindler	5 00	Mr. J. I. Rauch	15 00
Rev. J. B. Lowman	5 00	Mr. W. E. Barber	5 00
Maj. J. S. Derrick	5 00		
Total			$720 00

Resolved, That each student receive $150.00 the current year, and that they be paid quarterly.

The hour for preaching having arrived Synod adjourned by rising.

At 11 o'clock the Secretary preached the ordination sermon from 2 Tim. iv: 1, 2, when Revs. A. D. L. Moser and J. A. Sligh were, by the solemn imposition of hands, set apart to the Gospel ministry. The President, assisted by the Secretary, Revs. Dr. Bachman, J. P. Smeltzer, A. R. Rude and L. Muller performed the ordination, and all the ordained ministers present gave the right hand of fellowship.

After a short intermission Synod reassembled, and was opened with prayer by Rev. D. Shealy.

Synod resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on the President's Report, and under Item 3rd it was, on motion,

Resolved, That an educational address be delivered before this body at its next meeting.

On motion, Rev. A. R. Rude was appointed to deliver it, and Rev. Prof. Smeltzer his alternate.

Under Item 4th, it was

Resolved, That Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer and the President of Directors of Seminary, be appointed a committee to devise a plan for the establishment of a Theological Seminary for the General Synod, and that they present that plan to the General Synod at its next meeting.

Under Item 5th it was

Resolved, That we retain the same relation to the freedmen as we have heretofore done.

The Report being now gone through by items, was finally adopted as a whole.

The Corresponding Secretary read his report which was accepted and adopted:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Your Corresponding Secretary sent the Minutes of Synod to the various Synods in connexion with the General Synod, and also to the Tennessee Synod. No letters of correspondence were received requiring the attention of this body. The minutes of a few Synods were received: viz.

North Carolina Synod.—This body now numbers 18 ministers, and they seem to be actively engaged in the Master's work. The report on the state of religion is indeed encouraging, and the Lord has blessed many of their congre-

gations. Nothing has been found in their last minutes requiring the action of this body, except it be the amount due the institution belonging to this Synod. They report the death of two of their ministers, Revs. B. C. Hall and M. M. Miller. Rev. G. D. Bernheim was appointed delegate, Rev. N. Aldrich altrenate, to this Convention of your Synod.

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Western Virginia.—This Synod is composed of 21 members. Encouraging statements are made in the report on the state of religion, especially "catechising the young, and thoroughly indoctrinating them in the principles of our holy religion as the most effectual way of accomplishing permanent good." Roanoke College, during the year 1865, numbered more students than any previous year, and Wythville Female College was then in a flourishing condition. This body met the third Sabbath of August, 1866, but its minutes have not reached us. This body has lost one of its prominent members, in the death of Rev. Prof. W. D. Roedel.

Tennessee Synod.—This body numbers 27 ministers; the most of them have charge of congregations. We find nothing in the minutes requiring the notice of this Synod. We learn from the minutes that these brethren are actively engaged in promoting the great cause of saving souls.

Respectfully submitted, J. P. SMELTZER.

The Committee on Unfinished Business made the following report, which was received, considered by items, and finally adopted as a whole:

REPORT.

The Committee on unfinished business beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the last year's minutes, and find but three items claiming the notice of this body:

1st. On page 57 stands a resolution, "That article 13, chapter 1st, of the Constitution of Synod, be so amended as to read as follows: Any number of ministers, or ministers and lay-delegates assembled at the designated time and place for the regular annual or extra meeting of Synod, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business." The resolution was, according to the constitution, laid on the table, for action by this body at its present meeting. Your Committee, therefore, recommend action.

2nd. On the same page stands preamble and resolutions having reference to immigration from Protestant Germany, and a committee appointed to act upon that matter. Your Committee would enquire if that committee has acted, and if so, with what success.

3rd. On page 61 stands a resolution, "That a committee beappointed to examine the archives of Synod, and ascertain how far back the minutes of Synod have not been regularly recorded, and report to this body at its next meeting." Your Committee would enquire if that committee has attended to the duty assigned them.

Respectfully submitted, E. CAUGHMAN.
J. N. DERRICK.
H. VANSANT.

Under Item 1st, the constitutional amendment was lost.

Under Item 2nd, the Committee on Immigration reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them as far as they were able, and on motion the committee was discharged.

Under Item 3rd, the Committee on Archives made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed at the last meeting of this Synod, to examine the archives of the Synod in reference to its written records, would report:

That the duty has been performed, the archives examined, and the last recorded minutes found were of the session of 1851. Since that Convention this Synod has nothing to show except their printed minutes, unless the original copies can be found. Some of them no doubt are in the archives. If the original copies can be secured, a book should be furnished and the minutes transcribed. Each Secretary hereafter should be required to transcribe the minutes into the record.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER.
J. HAWKINS.
J. A. SLIGH.

Resolved, That a blank book be procured at the expense of Synod, for the purpose of having the minutes of Synod transcribed therein, and that the former Secretaries be requested to transcribe the minutes gotten up by them, and that some person be employed at the expense of Synod to transcribe the minutes of deceased secretaries.

Whereas, the Evangelical Lutheran, published by Rev. N. Aldrich, Charlotte, N. C., is the only Church paper published within the bounds of the General Synod of N. A.; and whereas, we can unhesitatingly recommend it to our people as a paper of moral and religious instruction, therefore,

Resolved, That each pastor act as agent for the paper and use his best efforts to introduce it into every family in his charge. Adopted.

The Committee on the State of Religion made the following report, which was accepted and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

It affords your Committee much pleasure to state that after a long and dreary night of sorrow, and trouble the glorious day of prosperity at length begins to dawn. From every portion of our beloved Zion comes the pleasing intelligence of the prosperity of our Church, and the revival of genuine godliness. In the city of Charleston Lutheranism, planted and fostered by the prayers and self-denying labors of our fathers, is spreading and extending in every direction. Our venerable father Bachman informs us that the most happy and encouraging state of things exist in his church, and that he has had what might very properly be called a continued revival of religion for the last six months, and that a large number has been added to his communion.

Brother Bowman, after overcoming many difficulties, meeting with many discouragements, and enduring many hardships, has at last succeeded in estab-

lishing himself permanently. He has now a large and flourishing congregation, and one of the most commodious and beautiful temples in the city.

Brother Muller's congregation has so much improved that a larger church is necessary, and steps are being taken for its erection.

All the congregations are in the most prosperous condition, and the time is not far distant, we are encouraged to hope, when other churches will be required to accommodate the devout followers of the great Reformer, and worshippers of the blessed Saviour. The moral influence exerted by the Lutheran Church in our metropolis is rapidly becoming second to none in the land.

In the interior of the State precious seasons of grace have been enjoyed by many of our own churches, and hundreds have been converted to God, and added to the Church of the Redeemer.

Among these, the charges of Revs. Smeltzer, Kreps, Berry, Boinest, Bouknight, Sligh, Caughman and J. N. Derrick have shared most largely in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, but nearly every church has been much encouraged during the year. The spirit of liberality and brotherly love has been much cherished, and is steadily deepening and increasing. Peace and harmony prevail, and our people, as far as they have been advised in reference to the condition of things, and the great duties required of them in our new relations, seem to be alive to the interest of the Church, and are willing to make any sacrifice and put forth any exertions necessary for the development of our resources and the accomplishment of her mission.

Our College and Seminary still live, and still claim the prayers and the patronage of our people. Many of the sons of the Church are already resorting thither, to receive that training which will fit them for efficient service in the vineyard of the Lord.

While we deem it unnecessary to detail minutely all the signs of improvement, we can and we do, with devout sentiments of gratitude to Almighty God, congratulate the Church on her prosperity, and assure the brethren that they need no longer be discouraged, but cheer up, and labor and pray for the peace and prosperity of Jerusalem.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAWKINS.
L. MULLER.
E. H. IRICK.

The Committee on Memoirs of the Dead presented the following, which was accepted and adopted by rising and standing in silence:

MEMOIR OF REV. JACOB MOSER, OF NEWBERRY DISTRICT, S. C.

The subject of this sketch, was born in Orange County, N. C., on the 6th of March, 1795, and ended his useful life on the 26th of December, 1865, being 70 years, 9 months and 20 days old. He was blessed with pious parents, who bestowed much attention upon his religious training, and made early pious impressions upon his youthful mind. As he grew up, under the impulse of conscience, he felt strongly inclined to preach the riches of redeeming grace to a

lost and perishing world. Many difficulties beset his path; without means and without education, he knew not how to obtain the qualifications necessary to assist him in assuming the high and holy responsibilities of the ministry of reconciliation. Guided by that humble, pious, faithful and devoted servant of the Lord, the Rev. Jacob Scherer, he procured an ordinary education, was admitted to the ministry, become a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, and soon after became pastor of St. John's and other congregations in Lexington District S. C. He was one of the first ministers of the present Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and Adjacent States, and aided by his counsels in its original organization. He was ever the advocate of a pure Christianity, and sought by his labors to lead sinners to repentance. But brother Moser is no more. No more shall his counsels be heard in our ecclesiastical meetings. No more shall his cheerful countenance urge us onward to the faithful discharge of our ministerial duties. His work has been finished, and the Master has said, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERLY.
B. KREPS.

Resolved, That the Secretary have published 1,000 copies of the Minutes of the present meeting of this Synod.

The Committee on the Account of the Treasurer of Synod reported, which was accepted and adopted.

P. E. WISE, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND ADJACENT STATES.

1865.	**DR.**	
Oct. 16.	To amount of Congregational collections received	$158 39
	" " received from individuals for printing minutes	138 00
Dec. 23.	" " " " Rev. E. Caughman	5 00
1866.		
July 3.	" " " " Rev. J. B. Lowman	10 50
		$311 89
1866.	**CR.**	
April 3.	By cash paid for printing Minutes $247 00	
Oct.	Balance of cash on hand 64 89	
		$311 89

The following assets were received from former Treasurer:

Note of	Henry Summer,	for	$200 00,	with interest	from	19th June, 1861
"	" B. Kreps,	"	50 00,	"	"	" 18th Oct., 1862
"	" D. Kleckly,	"	34 90,	"	"	" 22d Oct., 1860
"	" Rev. J. H. Baily,	"	305 00,	"	"	" 1st Oct., 1859
"	" Rev. J. H. Baily,	"	6 50,	"	"	" 7th Jan., 1860

Note of J. S. Lever,	for	50 00,	with	interest	from	24th Oct., 1860
" " J. L. Meetz,	"	30 00,	"	"	"	1st Nov., 1860
" " W. S. Boozer,	"	181 36,	"	"	"	22d Oct., 1860
" " Elijah Wingard,	"	31 85,	"	"	"	15th Oct., 1860
Bond of Edwin Harman,	"	32 95,	"	"	"	13th Feb. 1860
Note of John Kleckly,	"	200 00,	"	"	"	20th Nov. 1860

REPORT.

The Committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer of the Synodical Fund would respectfully report, that they have discharged the duty assigned them and find the account correct. Your Committee would recommend that the Treasurer be requested during the ensuing year to urge from the debtors to this fund some payments on their indebtedness, as the demands on the Church are great,—young men are offering for the ministry, and require an education, and many other expenses to be met,—and report at the next meeting the result of his demands.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB F. SCHIRMER.
JACOB EPTING.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be instructed to retain in his hands any monies that he may receive this year, to meet all expenses and to make no investments whatever.

The Committee on Widow's Fund made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of the Widow's Fund, respectfully report, that they regret they cannot make a satisfactory report of his account. The entries are not sufficiently specific, and do not correspond with the last return made in 1864. They recommend that the report be returned to the Treasurer, and he be directed to furnish at the next meeting of Synod a more detailed statement, containing dates and particulars of all receipts and expenditures made by him since his last report of 1864.

We further recommend that the Treasurer be earnestly requested to urge, as far as practicable, payment from those indebted to this fund.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. STEINMEYER.
W. E. BARBER.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Widow's Fund be instructed that during the ensuing year he would bring to the view of those persons indebted to that fund our great want of means, and urge upon them the propriety of making some payments, and on the receipt of any monies he be authorized to divide the same into three equal parts, to be payed over to Mrs. Cloy, Mrs. Leopard and Mrs. Ring, provided that each portion should not exceed seventy-five dollars.

The Committee on Seminary Fund made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

The Committee to whom was referred the account of the Treasurer of Seminary Fund report, that they have examined the same and find it correct. Annexed to the account is a statement of the probable condition of the funds at present; also a statement giving more particular the condition of the various assets. This latter statement your Committee would recommend should not be published with the report, but retained by the Secretary for future reference.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. S. HACKER.
E. H. IRICK.

Dr. Theological Seminary in account with JACOB F. SCHIRMER, Treasurer. Cr.

1866.			1866.		
Sept'r..	Paid So. Ca. Rail Road this amount, to complete one other bond given for the interest	$ 3 50	August..	Rec'd 1 year's interest on Mary Firman's bond, to 14th August, 1865	$ 14 00
Oct'r ...	Balance in hands of Treasurer	145 50	Sept'r...	" 1 year's interest on A. E. Miller's bond, to 14th May 1865	105 00
	The condition of the various assets was handed in with this account, showing them about—		October.	" Interest for City of Charleston Stock, up to date	30 00
	$12,149 are totally lost				
	1,279 considered very doubtful.			The So. Ca. Rail Road exchanged their bonds which have been some years redeemable, and the interest due thereon given in an additional bond, making now six bonds instead of five. The interest on these bonds are included to January next.	
	16,449 may yet be available.				
		$149 00			$149 00
			1866.		
			October.	Balance in hands of Treasurer	$145 50

The following resolution was offered by J. F. Schirmer, which was accepted and adopted:

Resolved, That the Society for the Relief of Disabled Ministers be allowed to publish with our Minutes the report of their Treasurer, together with what contributions they have received at this meeting for that fund.

The tellers reported the result of the election for Delegates to the General Synod as follows:

Principals.	*Alternates.*
Rev. T. S. Boinest,	Rev. S. Bouknight,
Rev. W. S. Bowman,	Rev. J. Hawkins,
Rev. W. Berly,	Rev. E. Caughman,
Rev. A. R. Rude,	Rev. J. H. Honour,
Rev. J. P. Smeltzer,	Rev. L. Muller,
Maj. P. E. Wise,	Mr. J. I. Rauch,
Capt. G. S. Hacker,	Mr. F. C. Blum,
Mr. J. N. Huffman,	Mr. F. Muller,
Mr. J. F. Schirmer,	Maj. Jacob Epting,
Mr. J. H. Steinmeyer.	Mr. Jacob Hiller.

It was, on motion,

Resolved, That the Alternates to the General Synod, whose names stand recorded opposite the primaries, be the alternates of such primaries; and that this resolution remain in force until rescinded.

Whereas, there is often dissatisfaction arising on account of the way and manner in which elections are held in congregations for pastors, therefore,

Resolved, That any congregation that is in connection with this body which shall elect and extend a call to another minister, without giving the former pastor timely notice of their intention, shall lay itself liable to have a vote of censure passed upon it by this body.

The above was accepted and adopted.

Resolved, That the Missionary Society be allowed to publish their minutes in connection with ours.

Capt. G. S. Hacker very affectionately invited this body to hold its next meeting in the Wentworth Street Lutheran Church, Charleston; when it was unanimously

Resolved, That when this Synod adjourns, it stands adjourned to meet in the Wentworth Street Lutheran Church, Charleston, on Thursday before the third Sunday in November, 1867, at 11 o'clock.

Rev. J. Hawkins was elected Corresponding Delegate to the Georgia Synod, and the Secretary his alternate.

There being no more business before Synod, it was

Resolved, That we now adjourn, to meet at the time and place above specified.

Adjourned with prayer by Dr. Bachman.

PAUL DERRICK, *Recording Secretary*
of the Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERIUM.

FIRST SESSION.

The Ministerium met at 2½ o'clock, P. M., and was opened with prayer by Rev. L. Muller.

The sermons and journals of licentiates were called for, and handed to the following committees:

Rev. A. D. L. Moser's to Revs. Bowman and Rude.

Rev. J. A. Sligh's to Revs. Hawkins and Lowman.

Rev. W. S. Bowman presented the credentials of Rev. John H. Honour, of the M. P. Church, and made known his desire to unite with this body, whereupon it was

Resolved, That he be received a member of this Ministerium.

The President, Secretary and Dr. Bachman were appointed a committee to inform Rev. Mr. Honour that he was received a member of this Ministerium, and to invite him to a seat in the same.

Resolved, That the application of Mr. Hallman, who had applied to this body for instructions for the best method of entering the ministry, be referred to a committee consisting of three:

Committee—Revs. Smeltzer, Muller and Bowman.

The Corresponding Secretary, who was appointed at the last meeting of this Ministerium to address a letter to the President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland, in reference to the case of Rev. A. Angerer, reported that he had performed that duty, but had not received any reply.

The Ministerium adjourned to meet at the call of the President. Prayer by Rev. W. S. Bowman.

SECOND SESSION.

FRIDAY, Oct. 19.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Rev. B. Kreps.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

Committee No. 1 on Sermons and Journals made the following report, which was adopted.

REPORT No. 1.

The Committee appointed to examine the sermon and journal of brother Sligh, beg leave to state that the sermon is a well written composition, showing a beauty of style, clearness and depth of thought, soundness of doctrine, and degree of piety truly commendable. It is well calculated to instruct and edify any audience. The journal exhibits all the brother's official acts during the year. He has preached 67 times, received 67 members, baptized 12 children, assisted in giving the communion 11 times, celebrated 27 marriages, and did many other ministerial acts. Knowing the brother to be a workman that need not to be ashamed, we cheerfully recommend that he be ordained at the present meeting of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAWKINS.
J. B. LOWMAN.

Committee No. 2 also reported as follows:

The Committee on the sermon and journal of Rev. A. D. L. Moser, beg leave to report that the journal exhibits a most commendable degree of industry and fidelity in the discharge of his official duties.

The sermon is creditable alike to the head and heart of its author, and is indicative of abilities that with diligent improvement may lead to distinction in the future.

Your Committee recommend, that the brother be ordained during the present session of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BOWMAN.
A. R. RUDE.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee to whom was referred the case of Mr. Hallman made the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee appointed to have a coloquy with Mr. S. T. Hallman would report, that they found him deeply impressed with the conviction that he is called to the ministry and willing to avail himself of every means of instruction this Ministerium may provide. They offer the following:

Resolved, That we recommend brother S. T. Hallman to proceed immediately to the Seminary as a beneficiary of this Ministerium.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. SMELTZER.
L. MULLER.
W. S. BOWMAN.

It was moved that a committee be appointed to examine brother S. P. Dickert.

Committee—Revs. W. Berly, L. Muller and J. Hawkins.

On motion, the Ministerium adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Prayer by Rev. J. Austin.

THIRD SESSION.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Rev. Prof. Smeltzer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted.

The Committee on Letter No. 9, asked and obtained permission to read the letter in their possession before this ministerium; after which, on motion, a committee of three was appointed to investigate the matter, and report to this Ministerium at its next meeting.

Committee—Revs. T. S. Boinest, L. Muller, and A. R. Rude.

Rev. W. Berly read the report of the committee to examine brother S. P. Dickert, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee to examine brother S. P. Dickert, home student under the direction of Rev. T. S. Boinest, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully report, that this brother has made commendable proficiency in his studies, and recommend him therefore to the continued care of this Ministerium, and that he be encouraged in holding prayer meetings and superintending Sabbath schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERLY.
L. MULLER.
J. HAWKINS.

On motion, Revs. A. D. L. Moser and J. A. Sligh were invited before this Ministerium to a coloquy, with a view to their ordination; after which, it was, on motion, ordered that they be ordained on Monday, immediately after the 11 o'clock sermon.

The Ministerium now adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

Prayer by Rev. E. Caughman.

FOURTH SESSION.

MONDAY EVENING, Oct. 22nd.

The Ministerium met and was opened with prayer by Rev. L. Muller.

The minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The Examining Committee made the following report, which was accepted and adopted:

REPORT.

The Examining Committee beg leave to report that they have examined brother Drury Keiser, and find him sufficiently advanced in knowledge and other requirements of a minister as to enable your Committee to recommend his licensure.

Respectfully submitted,

W. BERLY.
L. MULLER.
J. HAWKINS.

Resolved, That the President, Revs. W. Berly and J. N. Derrick be appointed a committee to license brother Keiser.

Rev. N. Aldrich, having lost or misplaced his certificate of Ordination during Sherman's raid, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That the officers of this Ministerium furnish him with a duplicate copy of certificate of Ordination.

Item 2nd of the report of the Committee on the President's Report was taken up, and, on motion, it was

Resolved, That the same arrangement that existed this, be continued next year, to supply the Sandy Run churches with preaching.

The Ministerium having now completed its business, adjourned with prayer by Rev. Prof. J. P. Smeltzer.

PAUL DERRICK, *Recording Secretary of the E. L. Ministerium of So. Ca. and adjacent States.*

MINUTES OF MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

At 11 o'clock Rev. J. A. Sligh, according to previous appointment, preached the Missionary Sermon from Isaiah lxii: 1.

Immediately after the sermon the Society was called to order by the President, J. F. Schirmer, and opened with prayer by Rev. W. Berly.

Messrs. J. D. Sease, J. H. Steinmeyer, jr., H. H. Folk, P. E. Wise, and L. C. McNary were appointed to receive contributions to the Society.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Rev. W. S. Bowman	$1 00	Jesse Wise	$1 00
Mrs. W. S. Bowman	1 00	Jacob Wicker	1 00
Rev. T. S. Boinest	2 00	J. R. Shuler	1 00
Mrs. T. S. Boinest	2 00	H. H. Folk	1 00
J. I. Rauch	1 00	J. F. Schirmer	1 00
Capt. A. P. West	1 00	G. Lindler	1 00
Miss Nancy McNary	1 00	O. L. Schumpert	1 00
Miss M. E. Riser	1 00	S. P Dickert	1 00
George Wise	1 00	David Wise	1 00
George E. Hawkins	1 00	W. E. Barber	1 00
Miss Carrie Hawkins	1 00	E. H. Irick	1 00
Maj. J. Epting	1 00	J. D. Sease	1 00
Mrs. L. C. Wertz	1 00	P. E. Wise	1 00
Mrs. M. E. Derrick	1 00	Mrs. C. Wise	1 00
Mrs. M. Wise	1 00	Miss A. V. Counts	1 00
Mrs. E. Lindler	1 00	Miss C. L. Bachman	1 00
Mrs. E. McNary	1 00	Miss M. D. Wertz	1 00
L. C. McNary	1 00	Miss M. M. Wise	1 00
F. Kinard	1 00	Miss S. R. Derrick	1 00
Geo. Dominick	1 00	Miss D. S. Vansant	1 00
Capt. H. Vansant	1 00	Rev. Dr. Bachman	2 00
J. T. Derrick	1 00	Rev. J. Hawkins	1 00
Rev. E, Caughman	1 00	J. H. Steinmeyer, jr.	1 00
Rev. J. H. W. Wertz	1 00	Mrs. J. H. Steinmeyer, jr.	1 00
Rev. S. Bouknight	1 00	Mrs. C. E. Etheredge	1 00
Rev. B. Kreps	1 00	Mrs. A. E. Smeltzer	1 00
Rev. A. D. L. Moser	2 00	H. H. Riser	1 00
Rev. J. N. Derrick	1 00	Rev. J. A. Sligh	2 50
Rev. B. F. Berry	1 00	Mrs. A. R. Sligh	2 50
Rev. L. Muller	1 00	Mrs. Nancy Caughman	1 00
Rev. J. B. Lowman	2 00	Mrs. Jenny Wise	1 00
Rev. Paul Derrick	1 00	Mrs. A. E. Etheredge	1 00
Rev. W. A. Houck	1 00	Mrs. C. Kinard	1 00
Mrs. W. A. Houck	1 00	Mrs. R. Bouknight	1 00

Rev. J. P. Smeltzer	$1 00	Mrs. C. F. Moser	$1 00
Rev. N. Aldrich	1 00	Rev. A. W. Lindler	2 00
Rev. J. H. Honour	1 00	Rev. W. Berly	1 00
Capt. G. S. Hacker	1 00	Dr. H. M. Folk	1 50
Mr. J. McNary	2 00	Mrs. J. Folk	1 50
Mrs. J. E. Derrick	1 00		
Total annual contributions			$90 00

CONGREGATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Rev. B. Kreps' charge, St. James	$6 35
Rev. B. F. Berry's charge, Mt. Pleasant	1 00
	$7 35

RECAPITULATION.

Annual contributions	$90 00
Congregational contributions	7 35
	$97 35

The election for officers of the Society resulted in the re-election of the former officers, with the exception of Rev. D. M. Blackwelder, whose place as Corresponding Secretary was supplied by the election of Rev. J. Hawkins.

OFFICERS.

President—J. F. SCHIRMER.

Vice-Presidents—Revs. Dr. BACHMAN, W. S. BOWMAN, and Maj. J. P. KINARD.

Recording Secretary—Rev. PAUL DERRICK.

Corresponding Secretary—Rev. J. HAWKINS.

Treasurer—Mr. J. I. DREHER.

Executive Committee—Revs. J. P. SMELTZER, J. M. SCHRECKHISE, T. S. BOINEST, Messrs. W. W. HOUSEAL, M. BARRE, J. P. KINARD, and J. I. DREHER.

There was no report from the Corresponding Secretary.

The Treasurer having received no papers of the former meeting, had nothing to report.

Rev. J. Hawkins was appointed to preach the Missionary Sermon at our next annual meeting, and Rev. T. S. Boinest his alternate.

Resolved, That we request the Synod to allow the Minutes of this Society to be published in connection with theirs.

The Society now adjourned to meet on Saturday at 12 M., at the time and place of the next meeting of Synod.

PAUL DERRICK,
Recording Secretary of Missionary Society.

F. C. BLUM, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF DISABLED MINISTERS, ETC.

1864.	**DR.**		
October.	Balance due Treasurer		$ 81
"	This amount deposited in Savings Institution of Charleston,		143 00
			$143 81
1864.	**CR.**		
October.	This amount received this session, as reported	$142 75	
	Balance due Treasurer	1 06	
			$143 81
1866.	The following donations for the funds of the Society received at this session:		
October.	From Sunday School Society of Charleston, Dr. Bachman's charge		$ 40 00
	Miss C. Bachman		5 00
			45 00
	ASSETS IN HANDS OF TREASURER.		
	Bond of Rev. C. H. Bernheim, dated February 18, 1850, with interest from October, 1861	$ 625 00	
	Am't on deposit in Savings Institution of Charleston	1696 25	
			$2321 25

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Rev. T. S. BOINEST. Pomaria, S. C., President.

Rev. PAUL DERRICK, Orangeburg, S. C., Recording Secretary.

Rev. Prof. J. P. SMELTZER, Newberry, S. C., Corresponding Secretary.

Maj. P. E. WISE, Frog Level, S. C., Treasurer of Synod.

Maj. J. P. KINARD, Newberry, S. C., Treasurer of Widows' Fund.

Mr. J. F. SCHIRMER, Charleston, S. C., Treasurer of Seminary.

Rev. T. S. BOINEST, Pomaria, S. C., Treasurer of College.